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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David Murray Melrose

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For: A CONTAINER HAVING
PRESSURE RESPONSIVE
PANELS

Group Art Unit: 3727

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, the Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows:

Request for Priority Amendment:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended to further claim priority pursuant to section 120/365 from the following applications:

--New Zealand Application No. 334372 filed February 25, 1999; and

PCT Application, Application No. PCT/NZ00/00019 filed February 24, 2000--.

The Applicant claims priority pursuant to Section 120/365 from the above-identified applications, in addition to the priority claim made at the time of filing the application.



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